

Protection.

We have been told time and oft that "self-preservation is the first law of nature," yet how many are there who seemingly obey this law. We will not speak of the well known fact of transgression of sanitary laws by those who know better, but we desire to allude to the perverse trait exhibited by the majority of adults who will not only countenance quackery and incompetence but even go so far as to frown down any attempts to regulate the practice of medicine so that it shall only lie in the hands of the competent. The boast of the American citizen is that his country is the most progressive, the most enlightened, and the most solicitous for the welfare of its citizens. We are forced to admit the general denial which is entered by our European friends when they simply point out to us our crude and defective methods in regard to the regulation of the practice of medicine.

This is a condition in which all should certainly be agreed upon, the question of protection. It is the duty of every one to protect himself and his family against the inroads of ignorance and their direful consequences. No one should be permitted to undertake the grave responsibility of the position, wherein he is entrusted with the lives of others, unless fully equipped and prepared to fill the trust in a proper manner. A man is not entrusted with a responsible position in a financial enterprise unless he furnishes good and sufficient bond which is required as a protection to that enterprise. The bond a physician should give, and which we hope to see carried out, is proven capability and approved knowledge. The attainment of a higher standard of medical education lies in the hands of legislators as it is only the enactment of stringent laws that will prove competent to force graduates in medicine to be fully equipped, if that condition be made a *sine qua non* to enable such to practice medicine legally.—*St. Louis Medical Review.*

Relatives of Timothy Mahoney, a shoemaker by trade, who about 28 years ago resided at New Orleans La., will find it to their interests to correspond with Thomas Lannon, No. 328, Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, La. Mr. T. Mahoney visited relatives at Pilot Knob about 28 years ago. 4t

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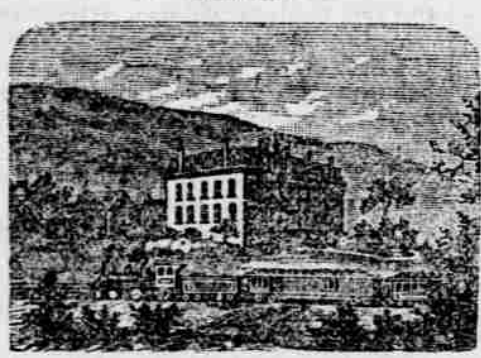
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